

November 29, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 29, 2017, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of November 16, 2017, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Compliance Division
Grain Warehouse and Grain Buyer
Update

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the issuance of the following new grain warehouse and grain buyer licenses, all of which became effective during the months of July, August, September, October and November, 2017.

GRAIN WAREHOUSE LICENSES

Business Name	Location	Capacity(bu.)	Effective Date
Dakota Midland Grain, LLC	Balfour (Guthrie), ND	1,726,500	7/17/2017
NTC, Inc.	Northwood, ND	104,000	8/22/2017
Pipeline Foods LLC	Lignite, ND	139,000	8/31/2017
Diamond W Feeds, Inc.	Medina, ND	265,000	10/09/2017

FACILITY-BASED GRAIN BUYER LICENSES

Business Name	Location	Capacity(bu.)	Effective Date
James Valley Grain, LLC	Berlin, ND	1,331,000	08/01/2017
Trinidad Benham Corp	Grace City, ND	30,000	08/18/2017

ROVING GRAIN BUYER LICENSES

Business Name	Location	Capacity(bu.)	Effective Date
Pipeline Foods, LLC	Minneapolis, MN	100,000	08/11/2017
Stricks Ag, LLC	Chester, MT	100,000	08/28/2017
Hensall District Co-Operative, Incorporated	Hensall, ON Canada	270,000	09/19/2017
Mountain View Co-op	Black Eagle, MT	100,000	11/01/2017
De Lune Corp	Springfield, VA	50,000	11/13/2017

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-366
Otter Tail Power Company
Scott Craven - Ramsey County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Otter Tail Power Company, Scott Craven – Ramsey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-366.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-383
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Cogeneration/Small Power Producer
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s updated Cogeneration/Small Power Producer rates, in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Cogeneration/Small Power Producer, Case No. PU-17-383.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-398
Otter Tail Power Company
2017 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission suspend the rates filed in Otter Tail Power Company, 2017 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-398.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-346
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Capacity Reservation –
Gwinner Pipeline
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the tariff and rates in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s, Capacity Reservation – Gwinner Pipeline, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU-17-346.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-75
Enbridge Pipelines
(Southern Lights) L.L.C.
Pembina County LP Pipeline
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation may cease and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$875.88 in Enbridge Pipelines (Southern Lights) L.L.C., Pembina County LP Pipeline, Siting Application, Case No. PU-07-75.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-07-108
Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership
36-Inch LP Pipeline/Pembina County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation may cease and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$883.98 in Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, 36-Inch LP Pipeline/ Pembina County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-07-108.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-612
Enbridge Pipelines
(North Dakota) LLC
Bakken Pipeline Project US –
Ward & Burke Counties
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$15,000 in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC, Bakken Pipeline Project US – Ward & Burke Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-10-612.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-10-613
Enbridge Pipelines
(North Dakota) LLC
Beaver Lodge Loop Project -
Williams, Mountrail, Wa
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$15,000 in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC, Beaver Lodge Loop Project – Williams, Mountrail, Ward, Siting Application, Case No. PU-10-613.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-232
Enbridge Pipelines
(North Dakota) LLC
Berthold Station Expansion Project
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$15,000 in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC, Berthold Station Expansion Project, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-232.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-606
Enbridge Pipelines
(North Dakota) LLC
Little Muddy Station Connection
Project - Williams
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$15,002.89 in Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC, Little Muddy Station Connection Project – Williams, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-606.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-42
Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P.
Fargo Relocation Project –
Cass County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$559.41 in Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P., Fargo Relocation Project – Cass County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-12-42.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-22
Dakota Gasification Company
10" Natural Gas Pipeline –
Mercer County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$6,751.85 in Dakota Gasification, 10" Natural Gas Pipeline – Mercer County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-22.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-136
Hiland Crude, LLC
Crude Oil Pipeline,
McKenzie, Williams, Mountrail
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$14,799.60 in Hiland Crude, LLC, Crude Oil Pipeline, McKenzie, Williams, Mountrail, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-136.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-223
Meadowlark Midstream
Company, LLC
8-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline-
Williams & Divide Cntys
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: Since no trees or shrubs were removed during construction, I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$15,928.95 in Meadowlark Midstream Company, LLC, 8-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams & Divide Cntys, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-223.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-853
Targa Badlands LLC
Little Missouri Gas Plant
Expansion - McKenzie
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission amend the contract for inspection services with E3 Environmental, LLC, in Targa Badlands LLC, Little Missouri Gas Plant Expansion - McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-853.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-614
Epping Transmission Company, LLC
12.75-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline -
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee interim refund in the amount of \$4,622.87 in Epping Transmission Company, LLC, 12.75-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-614.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-302
Allete Clean Energy, Inc.
100 MW Clean Energy #1
Wind Pjc - Mercer & Morton
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,765.06 in Allete Clean Energy, Inc., 100 MW Clean Energy #1 Wind Pjc – Mercer & Morton, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-302.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-339
Siting
Rulemaking

Case No. GS-17-370
Pipeline Safety
Rulemaking

Case No. PU-17-371
Wind Decommissioning
Rulemaking

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission propose the November 29, 2017, revisions to the North Dakota Administrative Code, and issue a Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules and Notice of Public Hearing and an abbreviated Notice of Intent to Amend Administrative Rules and Notice of Public Hearing for publication in each official county newspaper throughout the state as required by law, in Public Service Commission, Siting, Rulemaking, Case No. PU-17-339, Public Service Commission, Pipeline Safety, Rulemaking, Case No. GS-17-370, and Public Service Commission, Wind Decommissioning, Rulemaking, Case No. PU-17-371.

Section 69-06-08-01

Energy Conversion Facility Siting Criteria

Chapter 69-06-11

Wind Energy Conversion Facility Lighting
Systems

Section 69-09-03-02

Adoption of Regulations

Section 69-09-09-10

Wind Energy Conversion Facility – Waiver

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-270
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Biomass PPAs
Application

Case No. PU-17-271
Northern States Power Company
Deferred Accounting - Biomass PPAs
Application

Case No. PU-17-322
Northern States Power Company
Deferred Accounting - Laurentian PPA
Termination
Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Consolidated Hearing and assess filing fees of \$175,000 in Case No. PU-17-270, and \$60,000 each in Case Nos.- PU-17-271 and PU-17-322, Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence, Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-17-270; Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting, Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-271; and Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting, Laurentian PPA Termination, Application, Case No. PU-17-322.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-332
Northern States Power Company
115 kV Transmission Line –
Cass County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order issuing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Number 5913 in Northern States Power Company, 115 kV Transmission Line – Cass County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-332.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-340
Otter Tail Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost
Recovery (2018)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Transmission Facility Cost Recovery Rates, Otter Tail Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2018), Rates, Case No. PU-17-340.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-468
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Transmission Facility Cost
Recovery (2017)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the filing fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2017), Rates, Case No. PU-17-468.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-13-840
Montana-Dakota Utilities /
Otter Tail Power Co.
345kV Transmission Line –
Dickey County
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Supplemental Order issuing Second Amended Certificate of Corridor Compatibility No. 154 and Second Amended Route Permit No. 166 in Montana-Dakota Utilities / Otter Tail Power Co., 345kV Transmission Line – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-13-840.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-397
Arrow Field Services, LLC
Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing
Plant II - McKenzie
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission retain Mitch Armstrong, Brian Schmidt, and Sarah Kuntz to provide legal services to assist the Commission in processing Arrow Field Services, LLC, Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing Plant II, McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-397.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-398
Otter Tail Power Company
2017 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh, Sara Cardwell and Victor Schock as advocacy in Otter Tail Power Company, 2017 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-398.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Extension - AML Seasonal Inspectors

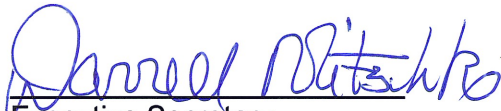
Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the extension of the Seasonal Inspectors; No. 5033 and 29367 for the AML Division through November 27, 2017, to complete final inspection requirements.

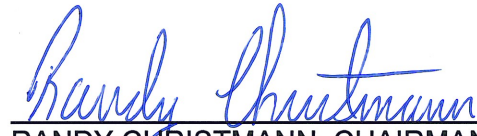
Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:22 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN